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SUBJECT: INDIAN HOME MINISTER PLEDGES COUNTERTERRORISM COOPERATION TO FBI DIRECTOR MUELLER

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires a.i., Steven White for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

1. (S/NoForN) Summary: In a March 3 meeting with FBI Director Robert Mueller, Indian Home Minister P. Chidambaram: -- thanked the FBI for assistance in the Mumbai terror attacks investigation and pledged to strengthen counterterrorism cooperation; -- expressed concern at the possibility of terrorist attacks during the approaching election season; -- inquired about Pakistani cooperation with the FBI on the Mumbai terror attacks investigation; -- requested specific intercept technology from the USG; -- disclosed that India had information that Mumbai terrorist suspect Mohammed Ajmal Kasab was under threat from Pakistani entities; -- described the jurisdictional problems encountered in standing up the National Investigation Agency; and -- expressed confidence in the ability of the GOI to address the Naxalite/Maoist threat. End Summary.

Mutual Gratitude

2. (S/NoForN) In a March 3 meeting with FBI Director Robert Mueller and Charge, India's Home Minister P. Chidambaram thanked the United States for Counterterrorism Cooperation

3. (C) Chidambaram and Mueller agreed fully on the need to strengthen bilateral counterterrorism cooperation. Both acknowledged the unprecedented

4. (S/NoForN) Mueller noted that the purpose of his visit to India was to build relationships and friendships so that the two sides can work

5. (S/NoForN) In Mueller's view, one of the most crucial elements in combating terrorism is integration of the legal and law enforcement func

Mueller NEW DELHI 00000405 002 OF 003 emphasized the importance of sharing information, noting that it required building of trust. In response

Elections Season Intensifies Terror Threat

6. (C) Chidambaram expressed grave concern at the possibility of further terrorist attacks against India. Pointing to the upcoming parliament

Pakistan

7. (S/NoForN) Noting the fact that Americans died in the Mumbai attacks, Chidambaram inquired about Pakistani cooperation with the FBI on the

Sharing Technology

8. (S/NoForN) Chidambaram observed that India lagged the United States in intelligence technology and sought USG assistance in increasing its

9. (S/NoForN) Chidambaram said that Indian law enforcement did not have the capacity to trace cell phone calls beyond the telephone transmi

Kasab

10. (S/NoForN) Chidambaram revealed that the GOI has intelligence that Pakistani entities have taken out a contract to "harm" Mohammed Aj

11. (S/NoForN) Chidambaram readily agreed to Mueller's request that the FBI might seek access to Kasab again and may need a videotaped deposi

National Investigation Agency

¶12. (C) Referring to the newly-formed National Investigation Agency (NIA), Chidambaram observed that he had a new weapon in hand to combat t
Naxalites/Maoists

¶13. (C) Chidambaram noted that in addition to Islamist terrorism, India must deal with internal Naxalite/Maoists violence which affects 33 di
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